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finished. They brought me your parcel; I opened it and began to tear bandages off your linens directly. The door is opened, and one stretcher after the other is borne along. What's the meaning of this? How is this? Where were you wounded, poor men? 'We have lain out yonder ever since that night.' There is a truce at this moment. Only think of this horror!—They have been laying out yonder nearly twice twenty-four hours; a few compassionate Frenchmen had given them bread and water. Of course they were all wounded in the legs, though a few not severely. Again there were twelve operations, and as no one expected an arrival of this sort out of hours, Dr. Chlebnikoff and myself were almost the only persons at the operating table. The night passed off quietly. Imagine my having to tie the arteries for Pigoroff's patients on that dreadful night, while he was pulling them out and holding pincers in his hand.

SISTER B."

TO BE A SOLDIER — WHAT IS IT?

THE SOLDIER'S TRADE IS

To trample down harvest fields—burn farm houses—sack and burn towns and cities—depopulate nations, and convert fruitful and happy lands into a barren wilderness: to drive people from their houses to freeze and starve—to make widows and orphans—to cut and mangle human flesh—to break human bones and tear human bodies to pieces. In a word, to SHOOT and STAB men, women, and children, is the soldier's work. To enlist into the army, means to hire out to learn the trade of shooting and stabbing human beings, and to work at that trade. Soldiers are honored and paid according to their skill and diligence in their trade.

THE SOLDIER'S CONTRACT.

The soldier, on his part, binds himself with an oath to obey his employers, to kill any man, woman, or child, that his employers tell him to kill. He is under contract to stab his own father and mother, his own brother and sister, and his own wife and children, if his employers bid him do it. The soldier himself is never to ask the question, whether it is right or wrong, whether those whom he is ordered to kill, are guilty or innocent—all this is determined for him by his employers—and the soldier's business is to thrust his sword and bayonet into the bosom, or shoot a bullet through the heart, or cut the throat, or blow out the brains, of any man, woman, or child, who are enemies to his employers, and whom they wish to have killed. This is the contract into which every soldier must enter when he enlists.

THE SOLDIER'S TRIALS.

To leave father and mother, brother and sister, wife and children, and all the love, and comforts, and endearments of HOME, and to go into the camp. To feed on stale, and rancid, and often on the most unwholesome food—to lie on the ground, exposed to the dews of summer, and the frosts and snows of winter—to stand sentinel, and walk back and fore on guard, by night and day, in heat and storm—to study daily the art of shooting or stabbing men—to be transported or shot if he disobeys his employers, or attempts to leave his trade, or refuses to work at it when bidden—to be driven off to the ends of the earth, to slaughter those whom he never saw or heard of, and who never injured him—to stand up and be shot, and to be tumbled in a ditch, often before the breath is out of his body.—*British Bill.*